November 30, 1999

Provider Notice 99-25

TO: Nursing Facility Providers, ICF/MR Facility Providers

SUBJECT: Long Term Care Issues

Medicaid certified facilities are required to furnish the LTC Admissions/Records Unit an admission application packet within sixty days from the date Medicaid coverage is requested. For Medicaid applicants admitted from September 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 **only**, we will suspend the 60-day requirement for Medicaid's receipt of admission and readmission application packet. Requests for approval of residents admitted to your facility **before** September 1, 1999, and **after** December 31, 1999, must be received by Medicaid within sixty days from the date Medicaid coverage is sought.

Nursing facility and ICF/MR facility providers are required to submit a monthly Census Report for each month along with claims submitted for the month. For claims submitted for the month of November, Medicaid will suspend the Census Report requirement. For December 1999 claims, and thereafter, you **must** submit the Census Report along with claims submitted for the month.

The 30.42 day rule is no longer used to calculate the number of days billed each month. The actual number of days of each month that are covered days should be billed monthly.

Questions concerning this provider notice should be directed to Marilyn Ferguson, Director, Long Term Care Division at (334) 242-5009.

signed: W. Dale Walley, Acting Commissioner

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